

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please **AMEND** claim 8 as shown below.

Please **ADD** claims 9-18 as shown below.

The following is a complete list of all claims in this application.

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display (LCD), comprising:

a first substrate;

a pixel electrode formed on the first substrate;

a second substrate;

a common electrode formed on the second substrate;

~~an~~ a first insulating layer formed on at least one of the first substrate and the second substrate;

wherein ~~said~~ a gap between the pixel electrode and the common electrode is varied by the
first insulating layer ~~is forms a difference in gaps between the first substrate and the second~~
~~substrate.~~

9. (New) The LCD of claim 9, wherein the first insulating layer is formed on the first substrate.

10. (New) The LCD of claim 9, wherein the first insulating layer forms a plateau protruding from the first substrate.
11. (New) The LCD of claim 9, wherein the pixel electrode is formed on the first insulating layer.
12. (New) The LCD of claim 11, wherein the pixel electrode has a stepped portion.
13. (New) The LCD of claim 9, further comprising a second insulating layer formed on the second substrate.
14. (New) The LCD of claim 13, wherein the common electrode is formed on the second insulating layer.
15. (New) The LCD of claim 13, wherein the second insulating layer forms a plateau protruding from the second substrate.
16. (New) The LCD of claim 12, wherein the pixel electrode has a first aperture pattern.
17. (New) The LCD of claim 16, wherein the common electrode has a second aperture pattern.

18. (New) The LCD of claim 17, wherein the stepped portion of the pixel electrode is arranged between the first aperture pattern and the second aperture pattern.